GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5882
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HARDSHIPS FACED BY MARINE EXPORTERS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the present position of India`s Sea Food Exports indicating the details of the production, shortage, if any, caused thereof and the quantum of exports and target fixed by Marine Products Exports Development Authority for 2003-04;

(b) whether the Government are aware of the hardships faced by marine exporters due to the necessity of a declaration which they had to make in regard to DEPB;

(c) if so, the action taken to relieve them;

(d) whether the declaration made in this regard during that period has earned them hardship with Revenue Intelligence Department; and

(e) if so, the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) As per provisional export figures provided by the Marine Products Exports Development Authority (MPEDA), the exports of our marine products during 2002-03 has increased by 10.38% in Rupee term and 8.49% in Dollar term. The quantity and value-wise export of marine products during the last two years have been as follows:-

	2001-02	2002-03 (Provisional)
Quantity in MT	424470	421921
Value (in Rs. Crore)	5957.05	6575.30
Value (in Million US $)	1253.35	1359.71

The target for export of marine products for 2003-04 has not yet been fixed by the Government.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The stipulation regarding declaration has been done away with from 1-4-2002.

(d) & (e) The representations received from exporters of marine products on this issue have been forwarded to Department of Revenue for their consideration.